

Listing of Claims

1. (Amended) A modular assembly for a hearing instrument, comprising:
a faceplate;
a battery door in the faceplate; and
an electrical programming contact assembly partially affixed to the faceplate and generally adjacent and conforming to the battery door.

A 2. (Original) An assembly as set forth in claim 1, where
the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and
the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

3. (Amended) An assembly as set forth in claim 1, where the electrical programming contact assembly comprises at least one contact, each contact comprising a contact portion and a terminal portion generally adjacent and conforming to the battery door, and an interconnection portion, interconnecting the contact and terminal portions, at least partially embedded in the faceplate.

4. (Original) An assembly as set forth in claim 3, where
the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and
the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

5. (Amended) An electrical programming contact assembly for a faceplate of a hearing instrument, where the faceplate comprises a battery door and the assembly is partially affixed to the faceplate and generally adjacent and conforming to the battery door.

6. (Original) An assembly as set forth in claim 5, where the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

7. (Amended) An assembly as set forth in claim 5, where the electrical programming contact assembly comprises at least one contact, each contact comprising a contact portion and a terminal portion generally adjacent and conforming to the battery door, and an interconnection portion, interconnecting the contact and terminal portions, at least partially embedded in the faceplate.

8. (Original) An assembly as set forth in claim 7, where the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

9. (Amended) An electrical programming contact for a faceplate of a hearing instrument, where the faceplate comprises a battery door and the contact is partially affixed to the faceplate and generally adjacent and conforming to the battery door.

10. (Amended) An electrical programming contact as set forth in claim 9, where the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

11. (Amended) An electrical programming contact as set forth in claim 9, where the electrical programming contact comprises a contact portion and a terminal portion generally adjacent and conforming to the battery door, and an interconnection portion, interconnecting the contact and terminal portions, at least partially embedded in the faceplate.

12. (Amended) An electrical programming contact as set forth in claim 11, where the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

Please add new claims 13-15:

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-13. (New) An assembly as set forth in claim 3, further comprising battery contacts and where the terminal portion of at least one of the contacts comprises a section extending to one of the battery contacts.

14. (New) An assembly as set forth in claim 13, where the section of the terminal portion extending to one of the battery contacts passes through the faceplate.

15. (New) An assembly as set forth in claim 7, where the hearing instrument further comprises battery contacts and where the terminal portion of at least one of the contacts comprises a section extending to one of the battery contacts.

16. (New) An assembly as set forth in claim 15, where the section of the terminal portion extending to one of the battery contacts passes through the faceplate.

17. (New) An electrical contact as set forth in claim 11, where the hearing instrument further comprises battery contacts and where the terminal portion of at least one of the contacts comprises a section extending to one of the battery contacts.

A 18. (New) An assembly as set forth in claim 17, where the section of the terminal portion extending to one of the battery contacts passes through the faceplate.--.
